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SUBJ: REPORTED IRANIAN PROTEST TO UAE

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

1. LOCAL WEEKLY AL-WATHBAH (2/8/75) CARRIED STORY THAT IRANIAN EMBASSY IN UAE HAS SENT WRITTEN PROTEST NOTE TO UAE AGAINST SPEECH MADE BY UAE DELEGATE AT RECENTLY CONCLUDED ARAB PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE IN BAGHDAD. DELEGATE IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONDEMNED IRAN FOR ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF UAE AND OTHER GULF STATES.

2. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN EMBASSY HERE, IRAQ USED PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE (FEB 1-3) AS PROPAGANDA PLATFORM AND FOUR UAE DELEGATES FROM THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDED AND ENDORSED THE ANTI-IRANIAN SPEECHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. IRANIAN EMBASSY DENIED MAKING ANY FORMAL, WRITTEN PROTEST, BUT AMBASSADOR BEHNAM HAS EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE ORALLY AND INFORMALLY. AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US HE FEELS THAT, ALTHOUGH UAE DELEGATES MAY HAVE ACQUIESCED IN ANTI-IRANIAN STATEMENTS IN BAGHDAD, THIS WAS DONE ONLY AS COURTESY TO THEIR HOSTS, AND IS IN KEEPING WITH UAE
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OFFICIALS' TENDENCY TO REPEAT (WHILE IN IRAQ) ALMOST

ANTHING ANTI-IRANIAN WHICH IRAQIS TELL THEM.

4. COMMENT: GOI HAS APPARENTLY MADE APPROPRIATE
DISTINCTION BETWEEN ACTIONS OF INSIGNIFICANT
UAE PARLIAMENTARIEANS AND MORE FORMAL ACTIONS OF SHAIKH ZAYID
(E.G. LAST SUMMER'S UAE-IRAQI "ARABIAN GULF" COMMUNIQUE).
THUS, IRANIAN EMBASSY HERE, WHICH USUALLY OPERATES UNDER
THE HEAVY HAND OF SAVAK ZENOPHOBES, HAS SO FAR HANDLED
THIS INCIDENT WITH TACT AND DELICACY.
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